



PROCLAMATION

Against Tumults.

ANNE by the Grace of GOD, Queen of Great-Britain, France and Ireland Defender of the Faith: To
Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly and Severally, Specially Constituted, Greeting: *Forasmuch as*, Notwithstanding that the raising of Tumults, be a most dangerous, pernicious, and unboundable Practice, contrary to the very Being and Constitution of Government, and destructive of the chief ends thereof, the Safety and Security of Mens Lives and Fortunes, and that by several Acts of Parliament, such as *Ja. 2. Parl. 14. Cap. 77.* and *Ja. 4. Parl. 3. Cap. 34.* It is statute, that there be no Commotion, nor rising of Commons in Burrows, in hindring of the common Law; and that if any does in the contrary, and knowledge or tent may be gotten thereof, their Goods be confiscat to the King, and their Lives be at the King's Will: *As also by the Act of Parliament, Ja. 6. Parl. 18. Cap. 11.* It is Statute, that no Person within Burgh, take upon hand under whatsoever pretext to convocat, without the knowledge and license of the Magistrats, under the pain to be punished in their Body and Goods with all rigor; As likewise, that the haill Inhabitants of the said Burgh readily assist and concur with the Magistrats, for settling and punishing the saids Tumults, under the pain of being repute Fosterers and Maintainers of the saids Tumults: *Likeas by the Act of Parliament, Ja. 6. Parl. 17. Cap. 4.* It is Statute, *That whatsoever person Invades or pursues any of his Highness's Session, Secret Council, or any of his Highness's Officers, it being verified and tryed, that they were pursued and invaded for doing of His Highness's Service, shall be punished to the Death:* There hapened upon the Streets of Edinburgh on the 11 instant, the day appointed for the Execution of certain Malefactors, and when Our Privy Council were met, and sitting about Our Affairs, a most disorderly and numerous Convocation and Gathering of Commons, filling the Streets with Clamour, and pretending and threatening to overaw Our Council to the great Dishonour and Prejudice of Our Government: *Likeas, when Our Chancellor and certain of our Lords of Council with him, after having done our Business, were going home in peaceable manner, they were most insolently and wickedly pursued and invaded, and that for doing our Service, by a villanous Mob:* Therefore We in the just Resentment of so high an Indignity, and to prevent the like in all time coming, have thought fit, with Advice of the Lords of our Privy Council, to Ordain the Magistrats of Edinburgh, to continue their Diligence, and make strick Inquiry and Search, and to cause apprehend all the Authors, Abettors, Accessories or Assistants of the foresaid Tumult, who invaded and pursued our Chancellor and others, to the effect they may be brought to condign Punishment, Declaring for that end, that whoever shall discover any of the foresaid Authors or Accessories of the said Tumult, shall not only be himself indemnified, but have a due Reward for so good Service; And particularly who shall discover the person of *Williams Davidson Taylor in Cannongate*, who is informed to have first stopt our Chancellors Coach, shall have besides his Indemnity the Sum of two hundred pound Scots Money of Reward: And farther, We with Advice foresaid, Ordain the Magistrats of Edinburgh, to call all their Deacons of Crafts, and Masters of their Incorporations, and all others their Householders and Inhabitants, and oblige them for the good Behaviour of their Apprentices, Servants and Domesticks, in such manner as the Laws and Custom of the Burgh do allow: As also, that they call the Regents and Masters of the Colledge of Edinburgh, and injoyne them strictly, that for hereafter they keep their Schollars in good Order, and be careful of their Quiet and peaceable Behaviour; And We Ordain all the Inhabitants of the said Burgh, readily to assist and concur with the Magistrats for repressing and punishing all Tumults, under the foresaid Pain of Law. And farther, for preventing the like wicked Insolence in time coming; We with Advice foresaid, do hereby declare, that in case, and whenever any such disorderly Convocation or Tumult shall appear, or begin to appear for hereafter, and that thereupon Intimation shall be made by the Magistrats, to all and sundry to withdraw and retire to their respective Houses, Shops and Employments, whatever Apprentice, Servant, Journey-man, Footman, or other such person shall disobey and be found upon the Streets, shall be repute and held as Fosterers and Maintainers of the saids Tumults, and punished accordingly; And tho at present we do bear with and excuse the Magistrats of Edinburgh, because of the surprising Suddentie, and unexpected Violence of the foresaid Tumult that hapned as said is, and of the diligence they have since used to find out and seize the Authors, yet that all may know our high Displeasure at, and Detestation of such Disorders, and take warning as they may be concerned; We farther with Advice foresaid declare, that if any such Tumults or Disorders shall happen for hereafter, we may be thereby necessitat to Ordain Our High Court of Parliament, Privy Council, Lords of the Session, Exchequer, and Court of Justiciary, to remove themselves from the said Burgh, to some others of our Royal Burrows, where they may sit and officiat with greater Safety and Security; Or at least, if We shall be pleased to continue Our saids Courts in Edinburgh, we may be obliged to bring in sufficient Guards into the said City, to abide and Quarter therein for their security and safe-guard: And these things we Ordain to be solemnly Declared and Published, that all may hear and fear, and that all such wicked and villanous Disorders may be for hereafter prevented. **OUR WILL IS HEREOFRE**, and we charge you strictly, and Command, that incontinent thir Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-crofs of Edinburgh, and to the remanent Mercat-crofses of the Head-burghs of the several Shires and Stewartries within this Our Ancient Kingdom, and thereat in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make publick Intimation hereof, that none may pretend Ignorance. And Ordains these presents to be Printed and Published. *Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the seventeenth day of April, and of Our Reign the fourth Year 1705.*

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

GILB. ELIOT. *El. Sti. Concilii.*